

HOME RULE IN CANADA

AND THE

UNITED STATES.

CANADIAN PRECEPT AND EXAMPLE.

THE Canadian Parliament is only in favour of Home Rule in Ireland, **if it be compatible with the integrity of the Empire and the rights and status of the minority.**

These rights, and the position of the minority, are carefully guarded in the Canadian Constitution.

The Central or Federal Government of Canada has by the Constitution all power, where power is not expressly given to the provincial assemblies.

Thus, any injustice to individuals cannot be exercised by a local authority without the Central Government having the right of interference.

Local assemblies in Canada have rights of equal taxation, but no rights of confiscation. No local authority is allowed to levy taxes on the goods of Canadian citizens. All criminal jurisdiction is under the control of the Central Government.

No Canadian national Parliament would ever sanction the withdrawal from Parliament of any members representing any part of its territory.

The Canadian Parliament would not allow any Territory to have an Assembly of its own without representation in the National Parliament. They would not allow this because it

would set up a separate power, distinct from the general Government. The Canadians lately suppressed such an attempt by arms, although at a great sacrifice.

Thus, Canadian precept and example is against a separate Irish Parliament, such as is proposed by Mr. Gladstone.

AMERICAN PRECEPT AND EXAMPLE.

The United States made war against the Southern States when they set up a separate Parliament at Richmond.

They held Union to be **so vital to national existence** that they put a million men under arms, and suppressed the separate Parliament after four years of war.

They divided the State of Virginia, part of which had remained loyal, and gave it a subordinate local authority.

The Americans keep the reins of power in the Central National Government, and in the Parliament at Washington, in which the South is represented. They would not allow the Southern members to leave this central Parliament.

The Americans have a Central Supreme Court, and no local authority is allowed to do wrong to individual citizens in any State. Any transference of property from one citizen to another, though carried in a local assembly, is disallowed, if wrongful, by the Supreme Court of Justice. No local authority is allowed to levy taxes on the goods of American citizens.

Thus, Mr. Gladstone's Government's Irish Bills proceed against the precepts and example of our cousins of the United States.